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**MARICOPA COUNTY TO HOLD 4th SET OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES
FOR SAN TAN MOUNTAINS REGIONAL PARK MASTER PLAN**

PHOENIX – Maricopa County will hold two open house meetings regarding the San Tan Mountains Regional Park Master Plan. The first meeting will be held on **Thursday, September 4, 2003, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Gilbert Community Center at 100 N. Oak, Gilbert, Arizona, 85234** (located near Page Park, the nearest major crossroads are Elliot and Gilbert roads). The second public open house will be held on **Thursday, September 18, 2003, from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Walker Butte Junior High School Cafeteria-Multipurpose Room at 29697 N. Desert Willow Blvd., Queen Creek, Arizona, 85242** (green building southwest of Hunt Highway, east of the Johnson Ranch entrance at Bella Vista). The same information will be presented at both meetings.

The public is encouraged to attend this important meeting, as the preferred master plan alternative for the park will be presented. Comments received at these open houses will help the project team to further refine the preferred alternative before presenting it to the Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission. The open houses will be informal, allowing people to drop in any time to review displays and speak with project team members.

The 10,198-acre study area for the master plan includes the 7,938-acre park and 2,260 acres of adjacent Maricopa County land. The study area is located south of Hunt Highway and Ellsworth Road near the Town of Queen Creek in Pinal County. A project website (www.santanpark.net) and telephone line (602-383-2594) have been established to provide project updates and comment opportunities.

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Adobe Dam Recreation Area * Buckeye Hills Recreation Area * Cave Creek Recreation Area

* Estrella Mountain Regional Park * Lake Pleasant Regional Park * McDowell Mountain

Regional Park * Paradise Valley Golf Course * San Tan Mountains Regional Park * Spur

Cross Ranch Conservation Area * Usery Mountain Recreation Area * White Tank Mountain

Regional Park